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Rev. R. P. MacKay, D.D.,

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My dear Dr. MacKay:

I am much obliged to you for your letter. The matter to which you refer is not new to me as Dr. Grant, who is a very old friend of mine, wrote to me about it last summer. Possibly the tone of my letter made him think that there was some probability of my being able to go to Trinidad and to be present at the celebration of the jubilee. It would give me the greatest possible pleasure to return to Trinidad and to present at the celebrations, but I regret that I can see no way of going to Trinidad during the coming year. My engagements here are so exacting, particularly during the war, that the outlook just now gives me no expectation that I could be away for two months in the spring. If I get away at all next year it will almost be necessary for me to go to the Old Country in connection with the arrangements that are being now made for giving university instruction to those who are on active service and who intend to resume their studies after the war is over. You will have noticed that President Tory has brought the scheme forward. I appreciate the confidence the Board has in me in asking me to undertake this commission in their behalf, and it is with deep regret that I have to ask to be excused.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

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